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The US Department of Homeland Security held a preliminary national teleconference regarding the 2006 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP). Based upon our preliminary discussion, the Arizona Office of Homeland Security (AOHS) and the Arizona Division of Emergency Management (ADEM) would like to provide insight to what will transpire for FFY06 Homeland Security Grant submittal and application. The process will be complex, encompassing a Capability Review and Enhancement Plan.

The State of Arizona has many processes, programs, and capabilities already in place within the State homeland security programs that support the Interim National Preparedness Goal. The State and Urban Area Homeland Security Strategies (HSS) were the first steps in integrating these processes, programs, and capabilities into Arizona's preparedness goals and objectives. The purpose of the HSS is to provide a blueprint for comprehensive, enterprise-wide planning for homeland security efforts and to provide a strategic plan for the use of related State, Local, Tribal and private resources within Arizona before, during and after threatened or actual terrorists attacks, major disasters, and other emergencies.

The FFY2006 HSGP will focus on providing funding to States and urban areas to build upon and sustain previously funded capabilities. The State application for HSGP funds requires a submittal of a Capability Review and Enhancement Plan; this will be accomplished with input from all levels of government. Subsequently, as part of the FY2006 HSGP process, the State of Arizona will be required to assess capabilities strengths and needs and use the Program and Capability Enhancement Plan to develop a formal investment justification for the State of Arizona within 90 days, by March 2, 2006, to the Federal government. Arizona grant application will be evaluated in competition with other states' submittals in a peer review process at which point funding will be allocated to the State based on demonstrated risk and need. Therefore, the development of these documents will be the result of submittals by each Regional Advisory Council upon compiling responses by local and Tribal jurisdictions in answering the following three fundamental questions: *How prepared are we?*, *How prepared do we need to be?*, and *How do we prioritize efforts to close the gap?*.

In an effort to provide insight to these new requirements, AOHS and ADEM have developed a capability assessment outline, which provides a framework for acquiring necessary information immediately from your local and Tribal jurisdictions and submit to the State if applying for HS funds in 2006. For more detailed information please see U.S. Department of Homeland Security, "State Homeland Security Program and Capability Review Guidebook", Volume I, Oct. 2005, at <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/odp/docs/ProgramAndCapabilityReviewGuidebookVoll.pdf> A timeline for submittals will be provided shortly through your Regional Advisory Councils. Please find the outline below:

## Capabilities Assessment Review

- I. Current Capabilities to Respond to an Event:
  - A. The 4 National Priorities from the Interim National Preparedness Goal:
    1. Strengthen Medical Surge and Mass Prophylaxis Capabilities
    2. Strengthen Information Sharing/Collaboration Capabilities
    3. Strengthen Interoperable Communications capabilities
    4. Strengthen CBRNE Detection, Response, and Decontamination Capabilities
  - B. 8 capabilities from The Universal Task List (UTL):
    1. Information Sharing and Dissemination
    2. Law Enforcement Investigation and Operations
    3. Interoperable Communications
    4. CBRNE Detection
    5. Explosive Devise/Response Operations
    6. WMD Hazardous Materials/Response and Decontamination
    7. Mass Prophylaxis
    8. Medical Surge
- II. What are the needs to achieve these Capabilities?
  - A. Sustain current Capabilities
    1. Physical
    2. Financial
      - a. General Fund
      - b. Grants
      - c. Other Sources
    3. Identify and improve deficiencies (fill shortfalls)
    4. Identify ability to train/exercise personnel
    5. Adequacy of Mutual Aid Agreements
- III. Initiatives/Projects: Must mirror State HS Strategy, Interim National Preparedness Goal, Universal Task List, National Response Plan, National Incident Management System, Interim National Infrastructure Protection Plan, and the National HS Strategy.
  - A. Projects:
    1. Training
    2. Planning
    3. Exercise
    4. Equipment
      - a. Response
      - b. Detection
    5. Infrastructure Assets
    6. Projected Budget and Justification
    7. Show how project/ program will decrease risk
  - B. Submittal template (to be provided at a later date)
- IV. Consequences of not meeting Capabilities (Tied to 4 National Priorities) – seeking to achieve a comprehensive approach that integrates authorities, capabilities and resources on a national/international scale.
  - A. Interdependencies of jurisdictions:
    1. Local
    2. Tribal
    3. Region
    4. State
    5. Nation
    6. International
  - B. Critical Infrastructure Impact
  - C. Impact
    1. Human & Psychological
    2. Economical
    3. Transportation
    4. Mission Criticality (Business Continuity)